

## COMMITTEE LANGUAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004

### **EA-6 SERIES ACCOUNT: APN**

PRESBUD	HASC	SASC	CASC	HAC	SAC	CAC
207,146	339,546	207,146	267,146	284,146	207,146	251,646

### **EW DEVELOPMENT/FOLLOWON SUPPORT JAMMER ACCOUNT: RDT&E, NAVY**

PRESBUD	HASC	SASC	CASC	HAC	SAC	CAC
51,879	66,879	256,701	269,201	265,701	269,201	266,701

### **HASC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 108-106)**

#### *Page 54, Aircraft Procurement, Navy*

25	EA-6 SERIES	207,146	132,400			339,546
	EA-6B OWP			60,000		
	EA-6B OBOGS			5,000		
	EA-6B ICAP III kits			66,400		

#### *Page 160, RDT&E, Navy*

0604270N	105 EW Development	51,879	15,000			66,879
	IDECM ALE-55 development testing			15,000		
0804271N	XX EA-18G	204,822				204,822

#### *Page 56, Items of Special Interest*

#### *EA-6B modifications*

The budget request contained \$207.1 million for EA-6B modifications, of which \$89.6 million was included for improved capabilities (ICAP) III modification kits, but included no funds to replace the outer wing panel (OWP), or for the on-board oxygen-generating system (OBOGS). The Department of the Navy's fleet of 121 EA-6B aircraft is the Department of Defense's only aircraft configured to provide the electronic-jamming capability to deny and degrade the acquisition of friendly forces by enemy air defense systems.

The ICAP III modification significantly improves the EA-6B's ability to suppress and destroy modern enemy air defenses by accurately identifying the specific emitter type, and by providing the enemy emitter's range and bearing thereby allowing timely employment of suppression or destruction weapons. The committee notes that both the Chief of Naval Operations and the Commandant of the Marine Corps have included additional ICAP III modification kits among their unfunded priorities for fiscal year 2004, and therefore recommends an increase of \$66.4 million for eight additional

ICAP III modification kits. The committee understands that recent EA-6B fatigue life inspections have revealed that OWPs are aging more rapidly than expected due to fatigue cracking, and that this situation has prompt-ed the Navy to ground eight of its EA-6Bs in December 2002, and to restrict EA-6B flight operations in 23 aircraft to less than three times the force of gravity, or “g’s,” rather than its full operating envelope of 5.5 g’s. To restore these aircraft to their full operating envelope, OWPs must be replaced and the committee notes that the Chief of Naval Operations has included replacement EA-6B OWPs among his unfunded priorities for fiscal year 2004. Accordingly, the committee recommends an increase of \$60.0 million to procure and install 18 OWP sets.

The OBOGS replaces the antiquated liquid oxygen system by creating a continuous supply of breathing oxygen to aircrews by using pressurized engine bleed air routed through a molecular sieve which removes nitrogen, yielding 93 percent pure oxygen. The committee understands that the EA-6B is one of two remaining non-OBOGS equipped carrier wing aircraft, and that additional funds are required in fiscal year 2004 to complete non-recurring engineering to fully integrate OBOGS in the EA-6B. Consequently, the committee recommends an increase of \$6.0 million for this purpose.

In total, the committee recommends \$339.5 million for EA-6B modifications, an increase of \$132.4 million.

#### SASC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 108-46)

Page 48, Aircraft Procurement, Navy

25	MODIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT EA-6 SERIES	207,146	207,146
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Page 164, RDT&E, Navy

0604270N	105	EW DEVELOPMENT	256,701	256,701
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#### CASC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 108-354)

Page 482, Aircraft Procurement, Navy

25	EA-6 SERIES	207,146	339,546	207,146	60,000	267,146
	EA-6B OWP		[60,000]		[60,000]	
	EA-6B OBOGS		[6,000]			
	EA-6B ICAP III kits		[66,400]			

Page 571, RDT&E, Navy

0604270N	105	EW DEVELOPMENT	256,701	66,879	256,701	12,500	269,201
		IDECM ALE-55 development testing		[15,000]		[12,500]	
		Transfer to EA-18G (new PE 64271N)		[-204,822]			

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### HAC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 108-187)

#### Page 132, Aircraft Procurement, Navy

<b>25 EA-6 SERIES</b>	<b>207,146</b>	<b>284,146</b>	<b>+77,000</b>
EA-6B Ready Room Mission Rehearsal Trainer (MRT) (Note: only for software and terrain database incorporation into MRT to remain current with ICAP III upgrades)			+4,000
ALQ-99 Low Band Transmitter (LBT) Antenna Group (Note: only to increase operational capability and accelerate the delivery of ALQ-99 to the Fleet)			+5,000
USQ-113 - additional procurement			+8,000
EA-6B - to accelerate Outer Wing Panel (OWP) replacement			+60,000

#### Page 135, Aircraft Procurement, Navy

EA-6 SERIES.....	---	207,146	---	284,146	---	+77,000
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#### Page 258, RDT&E, Navy

EW DEVELOPMENT.....		256,701		265,701		+9,000
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#### Page 243, RDT&E, Navy

<b>105 EW DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>256,701</b>	<b>265,701</b>	<b>+9,000</b>
Integrated Defensive Electronic Countermeasures (IDECM) - continue development testing			+8,000
ACETEF and JRAAC (Note: only for development of a real-time link for the Air Combat Environment Test Evaluation Facility and the Joint Research Analysis Assessment Center)			+1,000

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### SAC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 108-87)

#### Page 80, Aircraft Procurement, Navy

25   EA-6 SERIES .....	.....	207,146   .....	207,146   .....
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#### Page 147, RDT&E, Navy

105	EW DEVELOPMENT .....	256,701	269,201	+ 12,500
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Page 153, RDT&E, Navy

105	EW DEVELOPMENT .....	256,701	269,201	+ 12,500
	IDECM .....			+ 12,500

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<b>CAC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 108-283)</b>
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Page 170, Aircraft Procurement, Navy

EA-6 SERIES.....	207,146	284,146	207,146	251,646
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Page 172, Aircraft Procurement, Navy

<b>25 EA-6 SERIES</b>	<b>207,146</b>	<b>284,146</b>	<b>207,146</b>	<b>251,646</b>
EA-6B Ready Room Mission Rehearsal Trainer (MRT) (Note: only for software and terrain database incorporation into MRT to remain current with ICAP III upgrades)		+4,000		+2,000
ALQ-99 Low Band Transmitter (LBT) Antenna Group (Note: only to increase operational capability and accelerate the delivery of ALQ-99 to the Fleet)		+5,000		+3,500
USQ-113 - additional procurement		+8,000		+4,000
EA-6B - to accelerate Outer Wing Panel (OWP) replacement		+60,000		+35,000

Page 264, RDT&E, Navy

EW DEVELOPMENT .....	256,701	265,701	269,201	266,701
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Page 282, RDT&E, Navy

<b>105 EW DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>256,701</b>	<b>265,701</b>	<b>269,201</b>	<b>266,701</b>
Integrated Defensive Electronic Countermeasures (IDECM) - continue development testing		+8,000	+12,500	+9,000
ACETEF and JRAAC (Note: only for development of a real-time link for the Air Combat Environment Test Evaluation Facility and the Joint Research Analysis Assessment Center)		+1,000		+1,000

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